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Oct. 23
Aikido demonstration sponsored by the University Police Department from 4 to 4:30 p.m. in PER-132.

Oct. 23
Henna painting, the art of hand painting, fundraiser for ISO from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SFLC concourse.

Oct. 23 and 24
Volunter Fair sponsored by CCLD from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the SFLC concourse.

Conference, exhibition offers students opportunities

Lake Region International Conference and Exhibition to bring students, international businesses

SARAH LISON
News Editor

Representatives from several foreign countries and foreign trade specialists will present briefings, exhibits and a seminar regarding various aspects of international business at the Lake Region International Conference and Exhibition on Nov. 8. This event will feature "business briefings" from 9 a.m. to noon; a seminar, "Fundamentals of Exporting," from 1 to 3 p.m.; exhibits featuring various countries and businesses; and a diplomats reception from 4 to 6 p.m. on the exhibition floor at The Center.

Harry Lepinske, director of both the International Business Development Programs for the school of management and the Center for International Research and Education, explained that registration to attend is important because the seminar is a certificate program. Business attire is required and admission is free.

Carol Moore, former president of the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, explained that the purpose of this event is to bring together people who are involved in or interested in becoming involved in international trade.

"This is an opportunity for one on one interaction," Moore said.

Angelie Martich, president of the PUC chapter of the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, explained that this event is a networking opportunity for students.

"It (attending the event) helps

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Discussion questions patriotism as virtue

CHRISTOPHER JONES
Assisitant News Editor

The university's philosophy department recently held a colloquium in which patriotism as an American and human virtue was debated.

David Detmer, an associate professor of philosophy, presented the colloquium in a joint effort between PUC and Indiana University Northwest.

Detmer discussed the problems of defining patriotism as a virtue. From a definition standpoint Detmer said that patriotism means "a love for one's country" and virtue means "an example or kind of moral excellence." Detmer said that there are philosophical problems in defining patriotism as a "love" and a "pride" for one's country.

"There's a question of whether love and pride are voluntary. Pride has to do with self-respect. How can one have pride in a country," Detmer asked.

Detmer said that if one could have pride in their country that there was a danger of that pride extending into conceit and arrogance. Detmer also said that having devotion and loyalty for one's country represent possible problems. When one is loyal to one's country there is a possibility of ignoring the faults of that country, Detmer said. He cited examples, such as relationships that the United States has had with Osama bin Laden and Suddam Hussein in the past, which are now ignored due to the images of these men as terrorists.

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> David Detmer, associate professor of philosophy

"The history of the United States is not being discussed," Detmer said, in reference to the media's "devotion" to its country in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The word "country" itself was debated at the colloquium. A country, by definition, is a nation-state and Detmer said, that pride in nation-states should depend on their merit. But if "country" means a political ideal he said that American pride in its country should depend on America's realization of ideals such as democracy and freedom. For this reason, Detmer said pride should not be directed towards one's country but towards the ideals of the country.

If pride comes from love of people and their creations, Detmer said that these creations should be appreciated regardless of the country they originate from, since there is nothing uniquely American about them.

Detmer gave examples of former President Bush and President George W. Bush using national pride as an excuse for their beliefs, in light of evidence suggesting that American actions are unsound.

He cited Former President Bush's answer after the Vincennes incident, when the U.S.S Vincennes mistakenly shot down an Iranian commercial flight in 1988, as an example of pride in one's country despite facts.

"I will never apologize for the United States of America. I don't care what the facts are," Bush said.

Detmer also cited current President Bush's answer to rejecting the Kyoto agreement, a pact that helps fight global warming, as another example of American partiality.

"We will not do anything that harms our economy, because first things first are the people who live in America," President George W. Bush said.

Some in attendance at the colloquium agreed with Detmer's views, but others believed that there was nothing wrong with pride in one's country. Some in attendance wanted to see what other views of patriotism were.

"I have often had different ideas of patriotism. I wanted to see what someone else's views are," Karyn Venhuizen, a senior majoring in English professional writing, said.

Out with the old, in with the new

Photo by Dave Thompson

Winnie Yeng, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in business administration, shops in the Calumet Campus Shop. Renovations for the bookstore began Oct. 14.

Forum unravels state of economy

SARAH LISON
News Editor

Management professors Pat Obi and Paul McGrath analyzed statistics and the effects free trade and investor and consumer confidence have on the state of the U.S. economy at a recent community forum.

McGrath began by discussing the sources and meaning of numerous economic indicators. Obi briefly addressed the effects the threat of war with Iraq has on investor confidence and concluded by explaining that to prevent the second-guessing of U.S. motives, the United States must become less dependent on crude oil.

Economic indicators include national, regional and metropolitan reports and forecasts released by government entities, such as the U.S. Department of Commerce, local chambers of commerce and the Federal Reserve Board, as well as private organizations. McGrath compared the use of indicators to weather reports; although indicators show national and regional trends,

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Attracting national media attention—again!

Pick up this week's issue of Newsweek magazine, and you'll see Purdue University Calumet referenced on Page 13.

That's right, under a graphic headlined, "SMOKING What a Drag," Purdue Calumet is listed with nine other colleges and universities that have policies restricting outdoor smoking near campus building entryways.

Alluding to the manner in which campus smokers deal with smoke free building policies and the onset of chilly autumn weather, accompanying text to the Newsweek graphic refers to building entryways as "defacto smoking lounges."

According to the graphic, Purdue Calumet and the University of Florida—each with a 'No Smoking Within 50 Feet of Buildings' policy—share the distinction of requiring smokers to distance themselves from building entrances at a greater distance than other colleges and universities.

While that reminder may not overjoy campus smokers, the Newsweek attention continues a recent run of Purdue Calumet surfacing in national recognition circles.

Engineering, Diversity, too

Last month, U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges 2003 rankings listed Purdue Calumet among the nation's "Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs" with a top 50 ranking.

Under Campus Diversity, Purdue Calumet made the top 10 of the magazine's Universities-Master's Midwest Division. Our Hispanic enrollment, which totals 14 percent of our student body, is the second highest in that division behind Northeastern Illinois University.

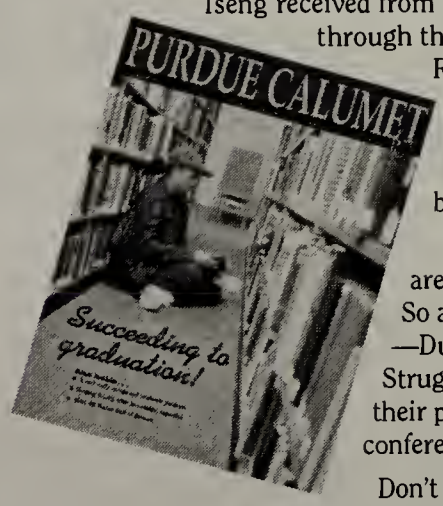
Nationally, Purdue Calumet's Hispanic enrollment earned our campus top 100 status among four-year colleges and universities by the "Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education" magazine. For years, Purdue Calumet has claimed more Hispanic students than ANY other campus in Indiana—West Lafayette and Bloomington, included.

Marriage & Family Therapy, 'Best Practices University' and more

Also, the current issue of PURDUE CALUMET magazine includes a feature story about our nationally respected marriage and family therapy master's degree program—a program with a 100 percent placement rate of its graduates.

A banner hangs in our Enrollment Services Center, signifying Purdue Calumet's status by IBM as a Best Practices in Student Services University. The ESC's high touch, high tech approach to streamlining the enrollment process for students impressed the international computing giant. That recognition has attracted "How did you do it?" attention from colleges and universities nationwide and even internationally.

In recent weeks, we also have shared with you news about a prestigious $2.5 million research grant Professor of Biology Charles Tseng received from the U.S. Department of Defense through the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to lead a research consortium in studying the effects of radio frequency fields on the function of human and bacterial genes.



Other faculty members also are doing cutting edge research. So are our students, two of whom —Dusanka Colovic and Regina Strug—were selected to present their project last spring at an annual conference in Washington, D.C.

Don't look now, but Purdue Calumet is building a national reputation.

What's goin' on?

A look around campus

Presentation via satellite focuses on personal leadership

The Society of Success and Leadership will host a speaker presentation via satellite on Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Gyte-115. John Crudele will speak about attaining personal leadership and discovering the courage to face life's most challenging issues. The presentation is open to students and staff. For more information contact Kristin at harkin@calumet.purdue.edu.

Student organizations seek professors to participate in forum

The Political Science Association and the Social Justice Club are seeking professors from various departments to volunteer to participate in a forum regarding the War on Terrorism. This forum will help students get a better grasp on foreign policy issues after Sept. 11. Professors who are interested should fill out and return the questionnaire and application, which were delivered via campus mail, as quickly as possible. The forum will be held Nov. 6 from noon to 1 or 2 p.m. in the SFLC TV lounge.

Open student forum

Do you have a pressing issue on your mind? Then you are exactly who the Student Government Association is looking for. Come attend an open student forum every other Sunday in SFLC (third floor). Dates are Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and Dec. 22.

Student Programming Board seeks members

The SPB is seeking members who are able to attend weekly Friday meetings at 10 a.m., are willing to serve on one internal committee (public relations, student activities, arts and humanities, homecoming, etc.) and who would be willing to bring new ideas to the SPB table. Those interested should e-mail Christine Marilyn Parry, vice-president of SPB, at vpofprograming@yahoo.com.

CCLD sponsors job fair

The 14th annual job fair will take place on Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PER Building. More than 65 companies will participate in the job fair. To obtain a list of the companies that will be present or for other information, call Chynisse at 989-2419.

Aikido demonstration

The University Police would like students to join them for a free Aikido demonstration on Wed., Oct. 23 from 4 to 4:30pm in the PER Building room 132. Aikido is a Japanese martial art that has no competitions or tournaments. Aikido is ideally suited for law enforcement and self-defense applications. It is a graceful, dynamic art with effective and powerful motions. Since it does not rely on size, youth or strength, people of all ages and sizes can practice it. The goal of Aikido is the integration of mental and physical well-being. For more information, call Officer Tim Garzella at (219) 989-2220.

Coffee and Verse to take place

Students are welcome to take time from busy schedules to relax and share poetry or listen to others. Poetry readings began Oct. 17 and continue on Wednesday Oct. 23 at 12:45 p.m. in SFLC-301; Nov. 14 at 6:45 p.m. in Founder's Study on the third floor of SFLC and Nov. 23 at 12:45 p.m. in SFLC-301. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jade Lee Culberson or Christine Marilyn Parry at 989-2394 or contact them via e-mail at JadeLeeCulberson4SGA@hotmail.com or vpofprogramming@yahoo.com.

SIFE holds mascot naming contest

SIFE will hold a contest naming their mascot during the week of Oct. 28. Entries will be available in the lobbies of CLO and SFLC during that week. Watch for SIFE members and the mascot as they move around PUC.

Say what?

"The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself."

-Oscar Wilde
1854-1900

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Fraternity co-sponsors program that gives needy children glasses

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Sigma Lambda Beta and LensCrafters will sponsor the Vision Van at the Intergenerational Center in East Chicago Oct. 28 and 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help provide glasses to children who need but cannot afford them.

The sponsors will be collecting used glasses, recycling them and making them available to children by providing boxes throughout the campus where students, faculty and community members may donate their old glasses and frames. These boxes will be available starting this week and will remain accessible throughout the semester.

The LensCrafters Foundation has established two different programs: the Vision Van and the Gift of Sight program. Both are intended to bring glasses to people who need them, but the programs differ because the recipients of the glasses are very different.

LensCrafters and Lions Clubs clean, repair and classify donated glasses by prescription. Old glasses and frames donated to the Gift of Sight program are received in specified boxes on campus and at all LensCrafters locations. The glasses are then sent to developing countries, such as Mexico, Africa, Colombia, among many others, and are delivered to people who are in need of them.

Abad Castellanos Jr., a junior majoring in business finance and president of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity – Upsilon chapter, explained the significance of these programs.

"Giving new life to your old glasses helps us continue our international missions. Often, the glasses people receive on missions are the only glasses they will ever receive," Castellanos said.

There are two Vision Vans named "Seemore" and "Iris." The vans travel to areas that are not accessible to LensCrafters stores and offer eye exams and glasses to needy children across North America. Glasses are distributed to children in grades K-12 who have failed an eye exam and cannot afford glasses.

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The Vision Vans are scheduled months in advance to arrive at specified locations. Sigma Lambda Beta will help with the registration and assisting children on and off of the van.

Castellanos, who is also an optician at LensCrafters, will be giving pre-examinations and making glasses.

Sigma Lambda Beta hold, host and sponsor many events and projects. They have participated with the Terry Fox Marathon in Puerto Vallarta, have been a part of the Mexican and Puerto Rican Day parades, helped with La Casa, a mentoring program for urban students and are a part of the big brother program at the Boys and Girls Club.

"Here at PUC the brothers of the Upsilon chapter try to hold up our four principles of brotherhood, scholarship, cultural awareness and community service," Castellanos said. "One of our biggest projects is the Gift of Sight program."

Orlando E. Garcia, a senior majoring in organizational leadership supervision and membership educator for Sigma Lambda Beta – Upsilon chapter, stressed the importance of campus participation with the Gift of Sight program. He said the fraternity is putting all its effort into collecting as many glasses as possible from the students, faculty and community members.

Garcia also said that there are a lot of people, both young and old, who do not have glasses and the volunteering they (Sigma Lambda Beta) are doing will allow for a speedier process so people may receive glasses as soon as possible.

Purdue University Calumet Police Beat

Tuesday Oct. 8, 2:30 p.m.
Officers responded to a tip that a man wanted on several felony counts was enroute to the Suburban Bookstore. Officers arrested the man without incident.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 12:55 p.m.
A person reported to university police that a student has been calling and following him or her around campus. The incident is currently under investigation.

Thursday Oct. 10, 4:10 p.m.
A person parked in the P-9 lot reported that his or her vehicle had been broken into and several CDs had been stolen. The perpetrator also attempted to steal the car stereo. No suspects are listed.

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Conference

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you understand business people, how they talk, the buzz words," Martich said. "A lot of people don't do anything with their degrees, and this is a good opportunity to get your name out."

Lepinske said businesses or countries that offer products, equipment or services to the international business community should participate in the exhibition. He said a few examples of areas in international business include accounting, logistics or finance and banking, among others.

Lepinske said one in every eight of the highest paying jobs in Indiana depends on exports. In Illinois, he said, the ratio increases.

"We depend on exports," Lepinske said.

Representatives from foreign trade offices for countries such as Azerbaijan, Continental Africa, Romania and Switzerland will present briefings. The morning briefings will be held in two conference rooms. Lepinske said one of the rooms is currently filled, and organizers are working to fill the second room.

Lepinske stressed that this is a non-profit event. He explained that the event is part of an outreach program designed to provide education and training to the community. He said this event supports the goals set forth in the strategic plan that university officials announced last spring.

Areas of international business to be covered in the afternoon seminar include: "The Start Up," international marketing, sources of funding and export operations, which include export assistance programs for U.S. export companies. Moore explained that export assistance programs coordinate efforts between companies involved in international trade through offices maintained by U.S. and state departments of commerce in foreign countries.

Speakers at the seminar will include Lepinske, who is an international marketing and management specialist; Bernadine Smith, an international trade specialist for U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Commercial Service; an international trade specialist from the international trade division of the Indiana Department of Commerce; Greg Boyan, vice president of Computer Overseas Corporation; Ursula M. Wegrzynowicz, a business development officer for the Export-Import Bank of the United States; an international trade finance specialist; and Ronald Bogdanski, president of CBC Customhouse Brokers, Inc.

Exhibitors include the countries presenting briefings as well as Australia, Ethiopia and India. Businesses that have registered exhibits include CBC Customhouse Brokers, Inc., the Export-Import Bank of the United States and Fifth Third Bank, among many others. Approximately 30 exhibitors have currently registered. In total, 50 to 60 exhibition spaces exist depending on the size of the larger exhibits, Moore said.

Exhibitors can reserve 5-foot skirted tables for $35 each or a 100-square-foot space for $50. Electrical connection costs an additional $50.

Organizations helping to organize this event include CIRE, International Business Development Programs, the school of management and The Center. Organizations supporting this event include the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Indiana Department of Commerce, the International Port of Indiana, the Northwest Indiana Forum, the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, the Northwest Indiana Business Journal, the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce and The Times.

The PUC chapter of the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council is organizing registration for this event and will assist presenters and exhibitors.

For more information on how to obtain a registration form, call Harry Lepinske at (219) 989-2407 or E-mail him at lepins@calumet.purdue.edu.

For more information about the PUC chapter of the Northwest Indiana World Trade Council, E-mail Angelie Martich at a_martich@hotmail.com, or call adviser Harry Lepinske at (219) 989-2407.

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Group work yields more trouble than benefit

Each semester, students of every major must participate in group projects, and every semester, students complain about how much they hate it.

Learning how to work with a group plays a significant role as one pursues a higher education. After obtaining a degree, most students seek a job with an organization. The very nature of the word organization implies that the job requires one to be able to work with others.

Outside of the classroom, students have the choice to join student organizations. The experience students carry into the workplace after college enables them to work as a part of team. In the classroom, one of the challenges for the instructor is to teach students how to work together as they must in the future. However, the classroom is a sterile environment where students attend to and interpret information, take tests relying on their individual efforts to store information and contribute their individual input on selected or required topics. Interaction in the classroom is traditionally one-on-one. The instructor lectures, and the students commit the information to memory.

More and more, potential employers are placing a higher value on one's ability to work in groups. Thus, there has been a trend towards incorporating group work into the curriculum, for it is a valuable trend. Group experiences help students develop and hone leadership skills they may not have otherwise acquired in the traditional classroom setting. Organizations depend on strong leaders to grow, flourish or just stay in business. In short, strong leaders make a stronger, more productive workforce, which leads to a healthier economy.

Nevertheless, many students will say over and over how much they hate group work. When engaged in a group project, cognitive ability cannot be disguised. Those students that do not possess the capacity to interpret, analyze and build off of information naturally depend on the intellectuals of their groups. It is the intellectuals that must lead the group, offering direction and insight, organizing the workload and selecting a path of action. The group leader becomes responsible for proofreading papers, Power Point files and coordinating the efforts of group members. At the same time, the group leader also must contribute an equivalent amount of research, writing and other efforts.

Ideally, leading a group shows character. In reality, leading a group can be enough work to cause a nervous breakdown. Many students work full-time jobs, while other students live with parents and may or may not take schoolwork seriously. Due to conflicting schedules, travel issues and varied levels of commitment to schoolwork, it is often difficult for groups to schedule a regular meeting time during the week. Leaders end up doing all the work when group members fail to show up for meetings or do not contribute. Yet, because there are several people working on the project, it inherently poses a greater challenge to students than an individual assignment.

Instructors can help alleviate the stress by administering more peer reviews earlier in course of the project. By completing such forms, instructors can discover potential problems and work with students individually before minor problems erupt into a full-blown disaster. Additionally, students who find themselves leading their group without assistance from their peers should bring problems to the instructor's attention rather than attempting to complete a project designed for several people within a limited amount of time.

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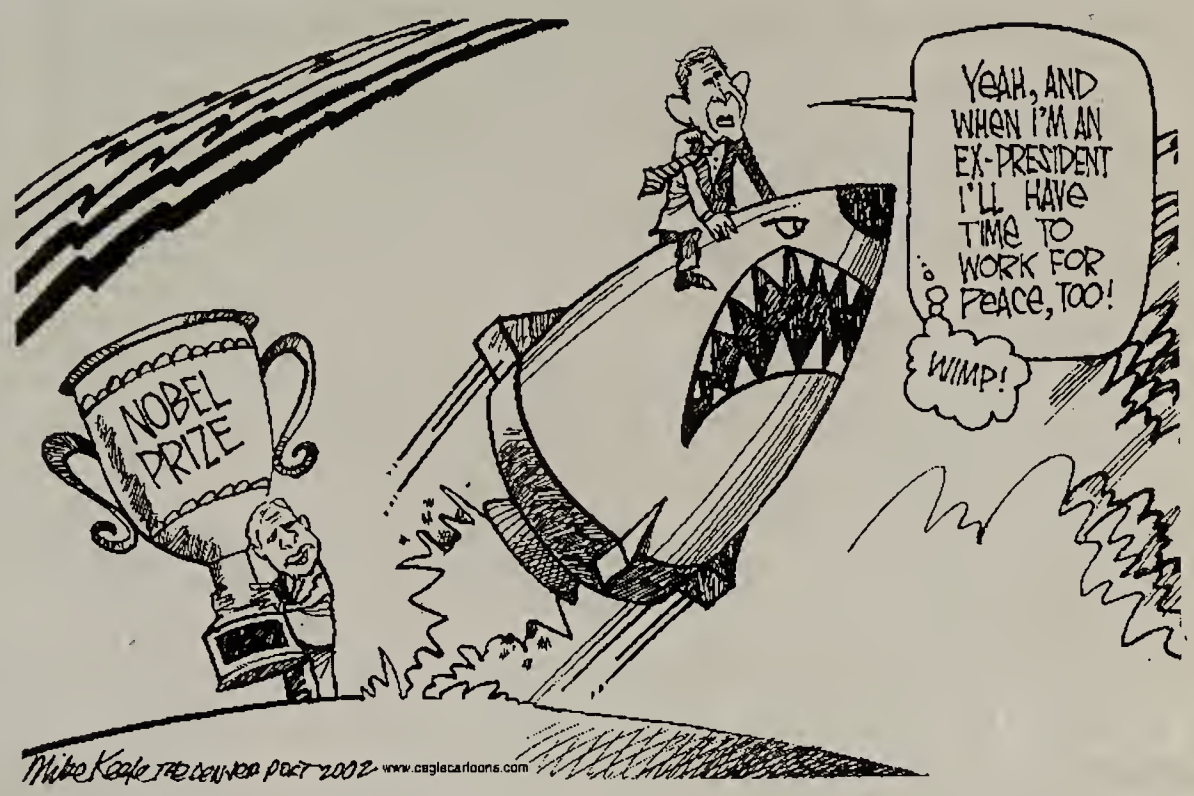
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Preparation key for charity success

NICK ORANGE
Commentary Writer

With the temperatures cooling and the holidays just around the corner, PUC is gearing up for another season of charity and giving. Soon many student organizations will be out in force, collecting goods and donations that will go to better and provide for our community.

For many, the season has already begun. Last week PUC kicked off its annual campaign for the United Way. A donation to the United Way often becomes a meaningful gift to many different types of organizations and groups.

Kicking off fall student led charity drives was the third annual Music for the Masses held this past Friday. With the help of many local bands and businesses this year's concert raised food, clothing, and monetary donations for both the Rainbow Shelter and The Haven House. Organized and staffed by a combined effort between the Student Government Association, The Student Programming Board and *The Chronicle,* the event showed once again that PUC student groups continue to lead the way with charity events.

Although charity often brings out the best in our students, faculty, and staff, it also, unfortunately, brings out the worst examples of campus red tape and bureaucracy. Students and student groups now wishing to carry out charity endeavors on campus often wait as long as three to four weeks for the many various types of approval to come down from university and business administration. The smallest problem in the lengthy forms and requests can lead to costly delays to projects and events. Rules prohibiting advertising on unapproved events often lead to short promotional periods that cause fewer tumouts and less participation.

Too often in my many years of student service I witnessed many fine ideas for meaningful charity endeavors fail or become dismissed under the brutal weight of bureaucratic oppression. Until we can sit down as a campus community and develop common goals and methods, student groups and campus organizations must plan now to ensure that their charity projects can be approved in time for the holiday charity season.

I encourage all of you considering a campus charity drive to finalize your plans immediately. Prepare your paperwork and take a moment to make sure all those responsible for approving it are personally notified that the requests are on the way. Do not simply drop the forms off and wait for approval to come. Your success or failure in gaining approval hinges on you and your ability to be proactive and insistent.

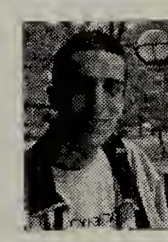
History as proven that the Holiday season is one of the best times throughout the entire year to hold a successful charity event. By taking a few moments in the upcoming days to plan your event carefully, you too can share in the joy that only charity work brings.

The People Speak

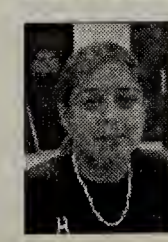
Question of the Week: What do you think of the price of tuition here at PUC?

Adam Hull
Junior, Communication
"The prices are fair, but the access to financial aid is tight."

Eric Farrell
Sophomore, Internet Web
"I think it's reasonable, depending on how much funding you get from grants."



Mike Daniels
Freshman, Undecided
"I don't like the fact that they increase the tuition, but I don't consider it an issue. It's important to educate on campus."



Natalia Deluna
Freshman, Pre Vet Med
"I think it is getting too hight. It's easy to get in as long as you have the money."

Rade Jovanovic
Sophomore, EET
"I think it is a little too high. I paid $70 at South Suburban for a credit hour. Prices here were reasonable five, six years ago."

Shawn Kessel
Sophomore, EET
"My opinion is you have to pay for it, as long as the tuition money goes to something good."

Total Fitness Center offers inexpensive workout

EMMA COLON
Staff Writer

The Total Fitness Center offers a variety of machines and people that can help anyone lose weight, gain muscle or both. The TFC has three fulltime, degreed physical trainers and five practitioners who provide services to students and staff for free.

The TFC is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. It will stay open until 10 p.m. after daylight savings time ends. Hours on Friday are 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These hours are maintained to allow students to work around their school schedules.

The cost of membership is $16 a semester for undergraduates and $42 a semester for graduate students.

The TFC offers non-student memberships, but they cost more.

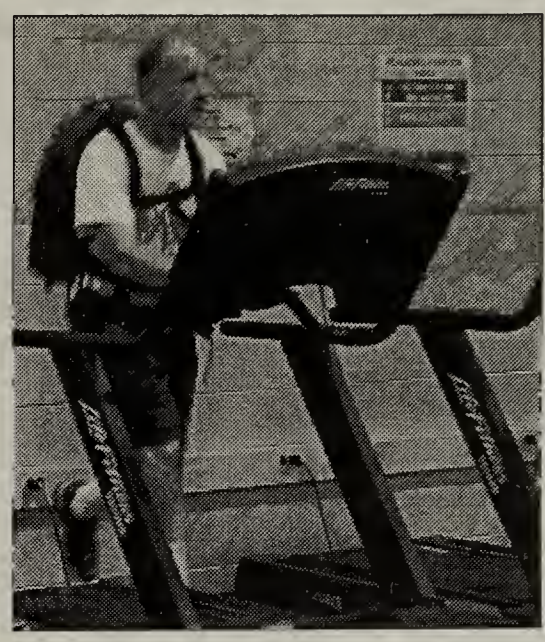


Photo by Dave Thompson

TFC member Tom Hocker works out on a treadmill. There are many other workout options available at the TFC, including a mountain climbing wall, eliptical machines, balance balls and free weights.

A one-month membership for non-students costs $60, a three-month membership costs $125, and a one-year membership costs $425.

John Bobalik, coordinator for the TFC, explained why the cost is considerably higher for non-students.

"The fitness center is designed to serve our students and staff," Bobalik said.

In order to attract non-students the TFC hosts a member day in which every member of the center can bring in one or two guests to work out for free.

The fitness center was remodeled four years ago. A new carpet, mirrors and paint were installed. Two racquetball courts were taken out and the free weight area was put in at that time as well.

Susana Jimenez, a sophomore majoring in liberal arts, explained that she believes a lack of machines interferes with her workout.

"I really like the fitness center, but sometimes I have some trouble finishing my workout at the time I would like because there is not as much equipment as there are students," Jimenez said.

The fitness center has about 2,300 members.

Ana Momidic, a junior majoring in mathematics and physics, said that she believes the fitness center needs an additional feature.

"I think the amount of equipment is efficient but I would really like to see a swimming pool," Momidic said.

The TFC contains 39 weight machines, 45 to 50 pieces of cardio equipment, two racquetball courts and an indoor track.

How to join the TFC

Students that join the TFC must first obtain a student ID, available at the information desk in the lobby of the SFLC. The fee, per semester, is $16 for undergraduate students and $42 for graduate students. This fee must be paid to the SSBO in the PER Building. Once the membership fee is paid, the member can work out as often as desired throughout the semester.

Economy

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they do not offer any information about individuals. Like blood tests, one may not understand the meaning of a collection of statistics. Instead, an expert, such as a medical doctor in the case of a blood test, must interpret the information.

Other indicators of the state of the economy include what one sees in his or her community. McGrath explained that layoffs, job offers and construction starts exemplify indicators of the state of the local economy. McGrath said Northwest Indiana is a manufacturing oriented economy.

McGrath also said that the amount of trade between countries is increasing faster than within countries. Obi said later in the discussion that although he is concerned about several statistics, such as recent declines in productivity, household income and the poverty index, he is not very concerned about the balance of trade. Obi explained that a significant amount of foreign trade is conducted between the United States and American companies based in China; therefore, funds are repatriated to the United States.

Val Martinez, a professor of history, questioned McGrath and Obi about free trade following their remarks. Martinez argued that free trade hurts American workers in manufacturing economies such as Northwest Indiana.

McGrath said that free trade essentially benefits consumers because it reduces the price that must be paid for goods and services.

Martinez explained after the forum that a tradeoff exists.

"In the long term free trade in general is good for all consumers, but in the long run, I think free trade will destroy high paid manufacturing jobs," Martinez said. He explained that the loss of such jobs affects the local economy. For example, a worker who loses his or her job will not be able to spend money at local restaurants. The restaurant, in turn, suffers from a decrease in sales.

McGrath said the evaporation of money in the equity markets currently tops the list of economic news. He cited statistics showing that equity markets such as the Dow Jones industrial average have recently reached two to three-year lows. McGrath explained that this decline in equity markets represents paper losses that carry less significance than the behavioral changes they may spur.

"If individuals change their investment behavior it begins to really matter," McGrath said.

McGrath said that the United States has experienced nine recessions since World War II. He explained that a recession is historically followed by an expansion.

"Recession is followed by expansion by definition," McGrath said.

Economic indicators McGrath discussed include regional and global inflation forecasts issued by the International Monetary Fund, unemployment statistics, the levels of housing starts and the value of the dollar against other currencies worldwide. He said that inflation and unemployment remain low. Although unemployment has increased 1.6 percent in two years, McGrath said in 1982, unemployment was at 10 percent with double-digit inflation, and in 1933 unemployment was 25 percent. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for the month of September 2002 was 5.6 percent.

McGrath said the use of statistics alone as economic health indicators lacks reliability. Instead, he said, combinations of statistics and the consideration of qualitative information should be used to create accurate economic forecasts.

Obi began his discussion by questioning the audience. Many were surprised when Obi made the distinction between the largest democracy in the world, India, and the largest economy is the world, the United States. Obi explained that although the United States is the most influential political economy in the world, the American people are the least educated about world affairs.

Obi explained how he felt about the issue.

"That bothers me. That ought to bother you," Obi said. He said knowing this fact should make audience members want to learn more about world affairs. "Do you feel me," he questioned.

Obi explained that private businesses have an effect on the economy.

"The private sector is the bedrock of our free market economy," Obi said. He said he is bothered by the state of corporate governance.

Obi said the actions of corporations such as Enron, AOL Time Warner and Xerox have led to a decline in investor confidence, which he believes to be one of the most significant problems in the U.S. economy recently.

"The state of the union is weak, but there is hope," Obi said.

Productivity, household income and per capita income have decreased over the last two years, Obi said, and the poverty index dropped by 3 percent.

Obi said he believes that consumer confidence is an important financial indicator because it indicates consumer sentiment. Obi said consumer confidence has fallen for four consecutive months. However, he explained that despite so many discouraging statistics, the best time to invest for a long time period is now.

"So in the midst of the turmoil we have an opportunity present," Obi said.

Tom Cavanaugh, a senior majoring in political science, interpreted Obi's remarks on investing.

"If you're going to invest, invest now because it (the stock market) is going to go back up," Cavanaugh said.

Corrections

In the Oct. 14 issue of *The Chronicle*:

The headline of the front page article about the new gym floor was inaccurate. The gym floor will be paid for over the next 20 years from various activites, fundraising and sponsors.

A workshop titled "How to work a job fair" took place Oct. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. in SFLC-327. The job fair will take place Nov. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PER Building.

The Chronicle regrets these errors.

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'Rules of Attraction' satirizes hard-edged lifestyle

TERRENCE ISBELL
Staff Writer

Over the past few weeks, you've probably seen trailers and commercials for "The Rules of Attraction." Judging by that alone, you'd probably assume it's another in an extremely long line of teen and college flicks that we've been hit with since around 1999. I had heard good things about the movie, and knew what I was in for, but I'm assuming a lot of the audience didn't.

I'm telling you right now, if you choose to see "Rules," I'm giving you ample warning. This is not "American Pie," and it's definitely not "Road Trip," which were raunchy and graphic in their own right, but they were pretty much good natured in their attempts and weren't about real life.

This movie, on the other hand, is probably so real to life that some people, literally would get shivers down their spine when they realize how close some of these characters are to people they may know or have known during their school days.

At first glance, it would seem like "Rules of Attraction" has all the makings of the typical college flick. You have the big man on campus (James Van Der Beek, "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back,") the virgin love interest (Shannyn Sossamon, "40 Days and 40 Nights,") the crazy friend (Ian Somerhalder, "Life as a House,") and the all around superficial, guy-chasing chick (Jessica Biel, "Summer Catch.")

Makes for a pretty cool semester of wacky misunderstandings, huh? What I failed to mention is that the big man on campus is a dangerous as hell drug dealer, who has a massive desire to sleep with as many girls in one sitting as he can (even going to the lengths of date rape if need be,) the virgin love interest keeps thoughts of sex out of her mind by looking at pictures of people with venereal disease, and the crazy friend of the drug dealer has a crush on someone...only it's Van Der Beek.

By now you can take a stab at it and gather that it isn't, for lack of a better term, another teen movie. Homosexuality, suicide, date rape and drug deals gone wrong--the stuff dealt with in more hard edged independent movies, and here we have "Rules" going all out dealing with them in a typical college setting. Some of the lengths that the characters go to are kind of on the extreme side (if you find yourself acting like anybody in this flick, you may seriously need professional help, I kid you not.)

Getting off the controversial aspects for a bit, the movie, which is based on a 1980's novel by Bret Easton Ellis, whose other book "American Psycho" was made into a movie a few years ago. I've heard his stories are basically satire, showing the extremes people go to in order to achieve status and power in life, and this movie definitely embodies that principle. There are absolutely no heroes to root for, and everybody's sole purpose is to either get drunk, high, or laid. Yes, I know it sounds horrible (note the sarcasm,) but the flick goes the extra mile and showcases the consequences of all the stuff these characters do, and the aftermaths aren't always pretty.

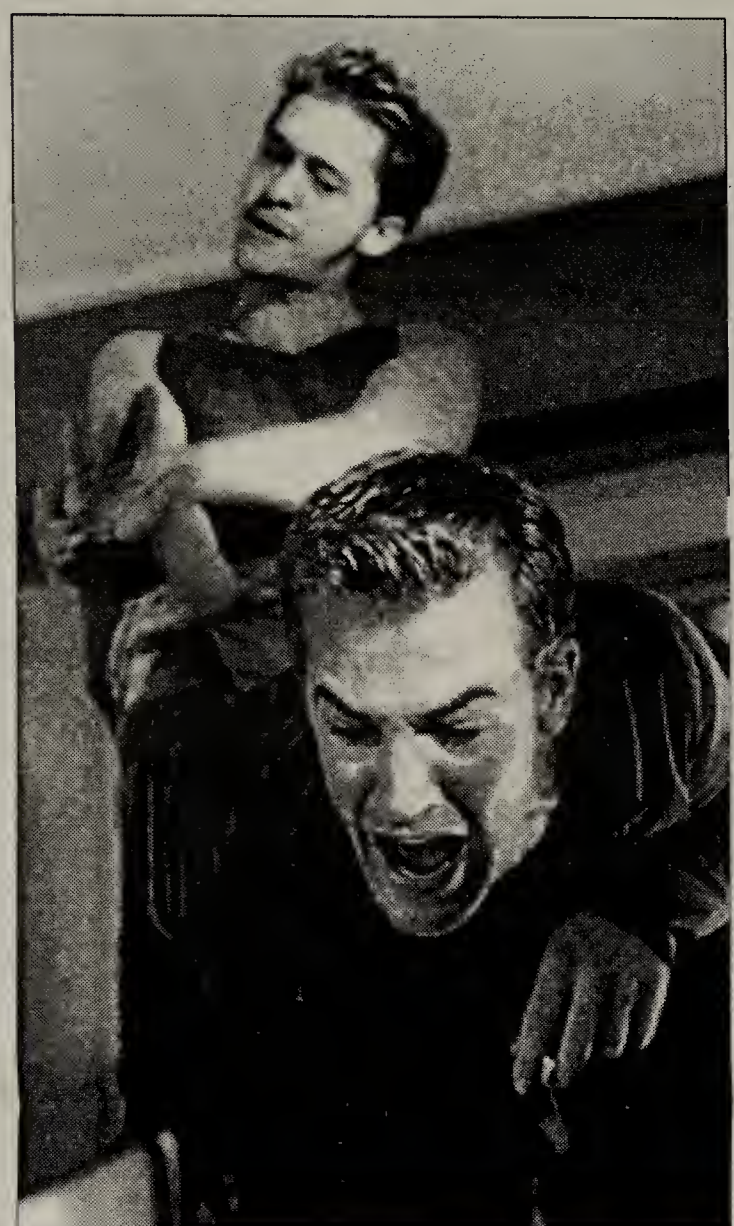
Another reason I enjoyed the movie is the way it was shot. Director Roger Avary, who worked on "Pulp Fiction" and "Go," (a movie I need on DVD badly,) does things with fast motion, split screen, and time lapse shots that are so bizarre and cool, you actually have to see it for yourself. They're not just gimmicks used for fun; they actually play important parts in the storyline.

James Van Der Beek is pretty much known as Dawson from the WB's "Dawson's Creek," but here he's like the alternate universe Dawson. He's the main character, but he has no conscience whatsoever, and does whatever he wants to anybody he chooses. You don't always see that in movies, and he did a very good job portraying the character.

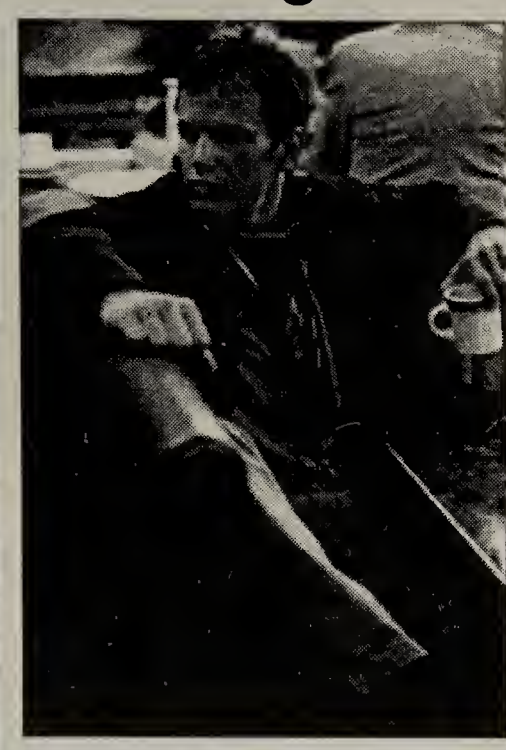
Shannyn Sossamon is probably the most likeable of all the people, but even she has massive issues that couldn't be dealt with in such a short time. Jessica Biel is best known for the happy go lucky show Seventh Heaven (she played Mary Camden,) but here she is very different than her minister's daughter persona.

Let me put it this way, if her dad on the show saw what she does in this movie, he'd probably have multiple heart attacks, and then some.

I do recommend "The Rules of Attraction" because it's a different and very realistic take on life itself, and doesn't even try to pull any punches or do a happy ending cop- out. The kids at the theatre I went to were probably shocked beyond belief at what they saw, but hey, real life isn't rated PG-13.

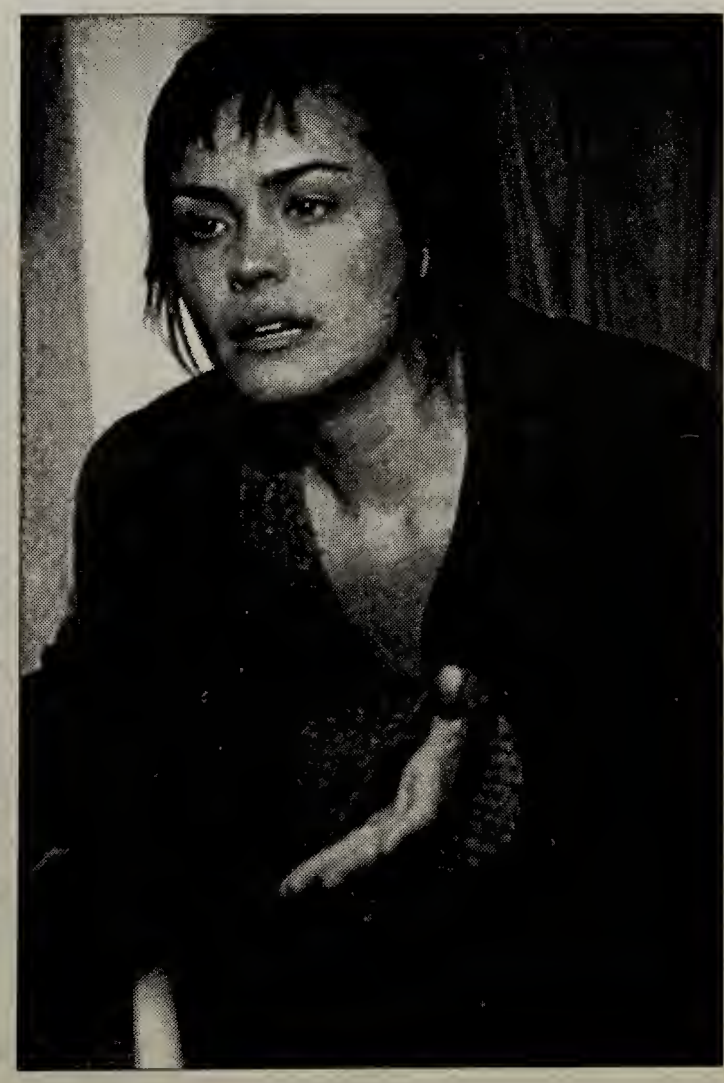


James Van Der Beek and Clifton Collins, Jr. break the rules in "The Rules of Attraction."

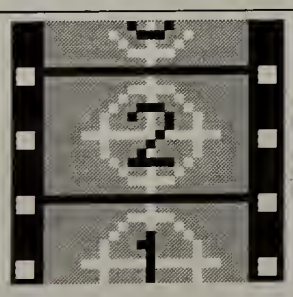


Kip Pardue, ("Driven"), plays Victor in "Rules of Attraction."

Above: Shannyn Sossamon and Jessica Biel play by the rules in "The Rules of Attraction."



Right: Shannyn Sossamon stars as virgin love interest Lauren Hynde in "The Rules of Attraction."



MOVIE REVIEW

James Van Der Beek,
Jessica Biel
"Rules of Attraction"
PG-13
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Band shows 'Othercide' of rock

AMY PILARCZYK
Staff Writer

There are many local bands around the Northwest Indiana and Chicagoland area. It seems that if you have the instruments and a decent singer, you have a band. There is one band in the area that has those aspects and a whole lot more.

Othercide, a group of four guys all in their early twenties that formed in 2000, consists of lead singer Jeremy Van Hoose, guitarist Aaron Riehl, bassist Adam Raven and drummer Mike DeLeurere. Othercide writes all of their own music and is influenced by bands like Stone Temple Pilots and Pearl Jam.

In March of 2001, the band, with the help of producer Patrick Doody, recorded their first album titled "Starbound." The album features ten original songs, which like any other rock songs have themes pertaining to sex, drugs and rock and roll. It also touches on other issues socially and politically. Songs that stand out include the title track "Starbound," "Out of Rage" and "Body to the Father." The band calms things down with "Get Up and Bleed" (which is my favorite song.)

"Starbound" is a great album for a band that is just starting out. They play better than some bands that have many albums under their belt. However, you do not get the full effect of the band unless you see them live in concert. They play right to the audience. Van Hoose has an awesome stage persona that pulls the audience right into the song. Reihl, who traveled from Texas to join the band, is an excellent guitar player. Raven and DeLeurere are also talented in what they do.

Together, Othercide is unstoppable. They have played venues all over the Chicagoland area and have also traveled as far away as Indianapolis and Detroit. Othercide recently played at PUC's Music for the Masses back on Oct. 11. They brought the house down with not only songs from "Starbound," they even introduced two new songs "Poster Boy" and "Swom Arora."

Othercide is truly a band that loves what they do. "Music is a language in which you speak in notes," Deleurere said, "The experience of playing in a band gives you a connection with your band mates. You know when you are on."

Raven agrees, "We play what we love and are all heart."

Othercide knows that there is always something new to learn while making music. "We are proud of what we do," Raven said. "We are always learning. We love going out and seeing other bands to learn more things."

The band will be playing at GameWorks in Schaumburg, Ill. on Nov. 1st. On Nov. 26, the band will play at the Elbo Room in Chicago at 9 p.m. On Wednesday Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., they will play at The Barn at Arabian Knights Farm, which is their CD release party and is a 96.7 Will Rock and Roaring Records showcase.

If you are interested in getting a hold of "Starbound" you need to come to one of Othercide's shows or join the band's street team. The street team is a group of fans that help get the word of the band out to the public. They hand out flyers for upcoming shows and hand out CDs at shows. For more information about the band, show dates, or how to join the street team, go to www.othercide.com.

Photo by Joe Juarez

Othercide performed at the Music for the Masses charity concert at PUC on Oct. 11. Their current album, "Starbound," focuses on political and social issues as well as the requisite sex, drugs, and rock and roll.

Upcoming Shows

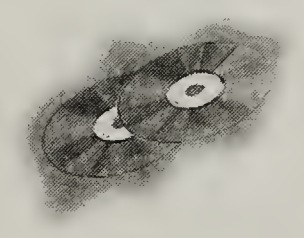
Oct. 26
Elbo Room in Chicago

Nov. 1
Gameworks in Schaumburg
Battle of the Bands

Nov. 25
JJ Kelley's in Lansing

For more information, to confirm show times and to get directions, visit the band's web site at www.othercide.com

Othercide
"Starbound"
★★★★



CD Review

King's final ride 'From a Buick 8'

NICOLE ELISCHER
Staff Writer

Last month, "Entertainment Weekly" ran a cover story called "Stephen King Calls It Quits." Although the master of horror has mentioned retiring from the public a year after a van struck him down on foot, is this recent announcement true?

The answer is yes and no. Yes, after three decades of haunting horror fans, he has a feeling that he is close to repeating past ideas. King will no longer be writing books for publication. But before he "writes" off into the sunset, the author has a few projects left.

One of these projects is his last original novel, "From A Buick 8." A story he first drafted in 1999 two months before his near-fatal accident, the story starts in 2001 in a small town in western Pennsylvania. The main character, Ned Wilcox, is an 18-year-old boy still grieving the loss of his father, a policeman, to a drunk driver. Since the accident, his father's old partners from Troop D of the Pennsylvania State Patrol have become Ned's second family. The young boy helps out at the police station by learning how to use the police radio and mowing the lawn around the barracks.

Then one day, Ned discovers Shed B and its' resident: a 1954 Buick Roadmaster that's still in mint condition. Wanting to know why the Buick is locked up, Sergeant Sandy Dearborn and the rest of Troop D tell the young boy the story of the Buick they wish they never met and the horrors it has caused over twenty-three years.

In what appears to be the last time, Stephen King returns with "From a Buick 8."

Because I have only read "Hearts in Atlantis" and King's memoir "On Writing," I'm not going to say that this book is the worst or best choice for the author's swan song. Like Ned's character, I wanted a story that had " a beginning, and a middle and an end where everything is explained" (King 297). Sometimes, the story gets long and confusing, so the second time I read " Buick," I just skipped the parts I didn't favor. One of the times the book gets confusing is when a character in the "Now" chapter is getting ready to retell something they saw from the Buick, and the narration slips from first-person to third-person.

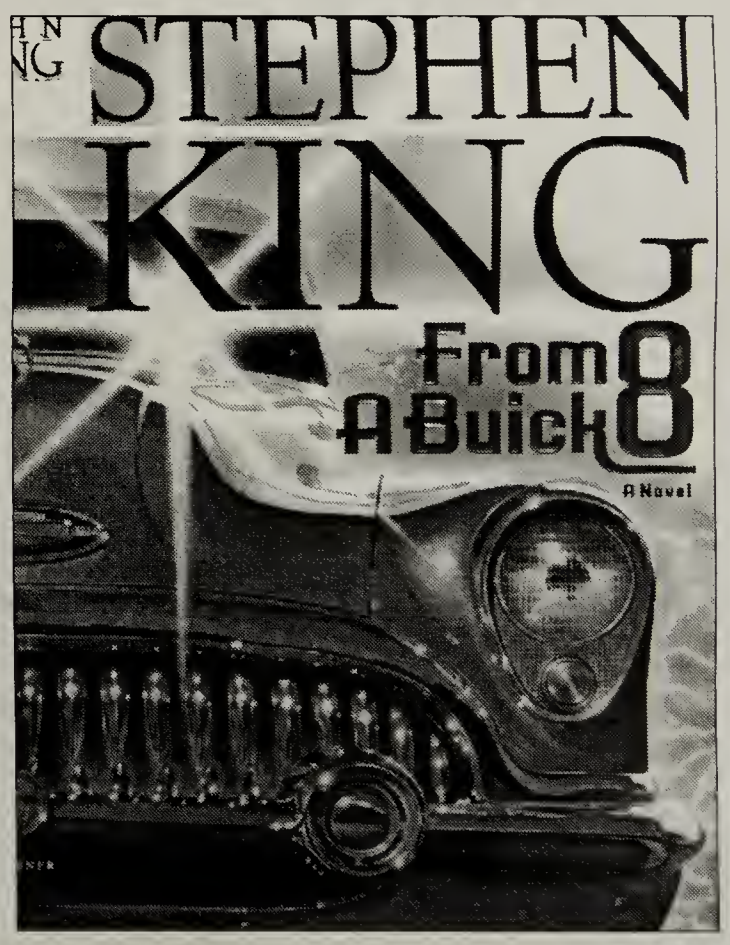
How horrifying is the "From a Buick 8?" Let's say that what these horrors prove is not only can curiosity kill the cat, but also curiosity could send the cat to another dimension. The Buick causes lightning shows or "light quakes" that surprisingly does not destroy the shed it inhabits, and gives birth to an array of creatures such as a bat-thing that is dead on arrival and a yellow-skinned, pink-tendril monster that is later dubbed "Mr. E.T" (Note: Although told by three different members of Troop D, I really like this part because it retains the first-person narration in telling this story from the past. However, due to the way this incident ends, I had to go hug my dog.)

So when does the horror known as the Buick end for Troop D? Well, while the ending turned out to be a little better than I expected and there is some sense that the car may one day croak, the ending also leaves too many questions that will never be answered.

Would I read "Buick" again? Yes, but I think I want to see how the audio version of the book presents the story with its' different narrators. Still, I'm recommending this book to anyone that is a fan of the author.

Book Review

"From a Buick 8"
Stephen King
★★★



Drafted before his near fatal accident in 1999, writer Stephen King returns with "From a Buick 8."

The Sprankle Confines

Here come the 'Hawks

FRANK SPRANKLE
Managing Editor

A year ago at 41-27-13, the Blackhawks eamed a playoff trip. This feat became a great accomplishment considering that there had been no postseason "cold steel on ice-style" in five years.

The trip would be shorting lived, as the St. Louis Blues knocked the Hawks out in the first round of the playoffs, taking the series 4-1, including a pair of shutouts in games two, three and four.

Hopefully last year's success will bring the magic back to West Madison Street. During the course of the last few seasons, the Blackhawks fan support seems to be lacking.

Of course, the days of Chicago Stadium are now memories. Any 'Hawks fan does not need to be reminded how electric this "original six" old barn use to get, especially during the national anthem.

All six old barns are gone, and this is the NHL in the twenty-first century. But the 'Hawks look to improve in hopes of making sure that last year's playoff appearance was not a fluke.

When Brian Sutter took head coaching duties last year, the momentum of the Blackhawks began to turn around.

Eric Daze led the 'Hawks in goals with 32 and total points with 70, while Tony Amonte chipped-in 27 goals and 39 assists in what would be his final year in the red and black sweater. The five-time all-star would sign a free agent contact with the Phoenix Coyotes.

But to fill in the spot left by the veteran right-winger, the Hawks would go after another veteran in Theo Fleury.

Fleury enters his 14th NHL season with 443 career goals, 612 assist, and 1055 points. Clearly, he is threat when handling the puck, but who knows when he will see playing time.

Two days before the Hawks opened-up in Columbus against the Blue Jackets, Fleury was suspended indefinitely for violating the NHL's substance abuse policy. When he will return remains to be seen.

As the archrival Detroit Red Wings enter as defending Stanley Cup champs, it's an interesting footnote to know that the Blackhawks have the longest drought without winning Lord's Stanley's prize possession, for the last time was 1961.

But making a return playoff trip, should be the goals here.

Lady Lakers bring new attitude for 2002-03

FRANK SPRANKLE
Managing Editor

Finishing last season at 10-21, the Lady Lakers hope to build on a program, which at this time a year ago had a new look. At that point, only three players from the 2000-01 campaign returned. Perhaps for Sarah Bacan, Melissa Austin, and Thespena Kollintzas, last season became a stepping-stone, considering that they doubled their team's win total from five two years ago, to ten last year, not to mention a 4-6 posting in the Chicago Colligate Athletic Conference as oppose to going 2-8 the year before.

Out of the current 13 that make-up the Lady Lakers roster, seven return, in a program that features mostly middle classmen, a number of returning sophomores, with a few juniors as well.

"It was enjoyable (last season), it's what I expected. Now as a sophomore, I'm in better shape," La'Sharon Watson said on her first year in colligate ball, which became impressive. In getting set for this season, she has worked on ball handling, shooting drills, and distance running.

"We are going to be exciting to watch, I think everyone is working hard, this year we have a new attitude."

As a guard and forward, Watson averaged more than seven points and three rebounds a game.

Watson also joins the likes of returning sophomores including guard/forward Jenny Sullivan, forward/center Nina Oliver and shooting guard Lisa Cowper. Oliver shot 44 percent from the field last year while Cowper had 536 playing minutes in all 31 games for the Lady Lakers last season. As a shooting guard, Cowper averaged almost seven points and shot 35.8 percent from the field, and 32 percent from beyond the arc.

Of the six new recruits on the Lady Lakers, four come-in as freshman. At 6'0", Nikki Boyrs comes to PUC as a forward from Crown Point, while Acamea Deadwiler will see playing minutes in the backcourt. Meggan Patton will also expected to gain experience as a guard, while fellow Roselawn native Brianne Harwood has the advantage of playing as a guard and a forward.

"I want to be able to fill whatever hole, they need, right now I just want to have fun," Harwood said, who as a senior at North Newton High School, averaged almost 16 points a game, in addition to eight boards, and three steals. In the end, she chose to come to PUC after receiving scholarship offers from schools in Kankakee and Ohio.

Joining Bacan and Kollintzas as juniors, Megan Pacheco and Kristen Brown both make their Lady Laker debuts as transfers from Illinois Central College in East Peoria, a school where they were both roommates at.

"It makes me feel comfortable to have someone I know come here," 5'8" forward Pacheco said.

"I hope to be more quicker and learn to become a post player."

Last season, became a breakout year for Bacan. As a shooting guard, she was the only Lady Laker to average more than ten points a game, and participated in 783 total minutes of PUC's 31 games. She also led her team in steals with 66 and assists with 50.

When the season ended, Bacan found herself ninth in the CCAC in scoring, free-throw percentage, and 12th in steals.

As the lone senior, Melissa Austin has also been through some of the tough times over the last couple of year, but fills more confident heading into the new season.

"I think we are going to be more competitive, we are starting to gel together," Austin said, as she had 149 total rebounds last year, 100 defensively. Now as a senior, she will be called upon with leadership.

Photo by Dave Thompson

Junior Sarah Bacan shoots a jumper over incoming freshman Brianne Harwood during a recent Lady Laker practice.

"I do feel that I have a lot more leadership skills, being that I'm older and wiser."

At this time a year ago, Angela Seeley was recruited as a senior. Now she has a new role as an assistant coach under third-year head coach Dennis Smith.

"I am looking forward to working with the players. Right now, this season is a positive outlook," Seeley said, who in her lone year with the Lady Lakers, averaged over eight points and almost four rebounds a game.

"We need shooters. Last year on offense, we would have one good game, but then we would be off the next."

The Lady Lakers tip-off the season on Nov. 8 against Calumet-St Joseph in the Lady Lakers Classic at the PER Building. Game time is 8 p.m.

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